

FOSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Captain Isaac Paine School
160 Foster Center Road
Foster, RI 02825

Tuesday, January 24, 2012
Executive Session – 7:00pm
Open Session – 8:00pm

1. **Convene Meeting** – Kathleen Swanson, Chair, called the meeting of the Foster School Committee (FSC) to order at 7:05 pm on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at Captain Isaac Paine School Library.
 - a. Roll Call – all members were present: Kathleen Swanson, Chair, Shelley Pezza, Vice-Chair, Patricia Fountain, member. Also present were Superintendent / Principal, Davida Irving and FSC secretary, Helena McCullough.
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone.
2. On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Fountain, the FSC **voted to go into Executive Session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a) (1) Personnel (2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation (7) Investment of Public Funds.**
 - a. **(1) Personnel – Superintendent / Principal Contract**
 - b. **(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation – Arbitration – Educational Support Personnel**
 - c. **(7) Investment of Public Funds – Evaluation of Legal Services Bids**Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
3. **Reconvene Open Session** – On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Fountain the FSC voted to reconvene Open Session to begin at 8:00 pm. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

Mrs. Swanson reported out that the FSC discussed personnel – Superintendent/Principal's Contract, Collective Bargaining and Litigation for Educational Support Personnel and Investment of Public Funds – Evaluation of Legal Services Bids and no votes were taken.

On a motion by Mrs. Fountain and seconded by Ms. Pezza the FSC voted to "Seal" the Executive Session minutes for January 24, 2012. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
4. **Staff / Student Recognition** – Dr. Irving recognized Marianne Adams, School Nurse/Teacher. She goes above and beyond by attending all meetings, seeking out Professional Development, keeps staff up to date on students that need epi pens, and that have other allergic needs, etc. She had a major role in writing and updating the school's Wellness Policy, she is on the PBIS team and works with the fifth grade leadership team, of which she wrote a grant and was awarded \$4000 to develop a nutrition program.

Dr. Irving also recognized students that won the Ocean State Transit Poster Contest.

- 2ND Grade: First Place = Kayla Krupa
Second Place = Leah Fasteson
- 3rd Grade: First Place = June Wilson
Second Place = Julie Vieira
- 4th Grade: First Place = Sam Shilo
Second Place = Serena Russell
- 5th Grade: First Place = Madison Young
Second Place = Juliana Capraro

Over-all School Winners: First Place = June Wilson
Second Place = Sam Shilo

Ocean State Transit provides the winner with two (2) field trips and the second place winner with a one (1) field trip.

5. **School Committee Reorganization** – On a motion by Ms. Pezza seconded by Mrs. Fountain, the FSC voted to nominate Kathleen Swanson as FSC Chair. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0. On a motion by Mrs. Swanson and seconded by Mrs. Fountain the FSC voted to nominate Shelly Pezza as FSC Vice Chair. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
6. **Public Comment** – Mr. Cervasio stated that the FSC needs to change the time of their Open Meetings, to move the item of Full Day Kindergarten up on the Agenda, and disagreed with no legal representation.
7. **Building Use Requests** – on a motion by Mrs. Fountain and seconded by Ms. Pezza the FSC approved the Superintendent's recommendation for the following Building Use Requests:
 - F/G Youth Basketball for girls
 - Cafeteria for Pack 101 Cub Scouts and dates supplied
 - Room #4 & cafeteria SMCT Youth Group
 - Cafeteria for RI Housing with Representative Chippendale with date suppliedMotion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
8. **Approval of Minutes** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Fountain, the FSC approved the minutes as presented for the Open Session for December 20, 2011. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Fountain, the FSC approved the revised "Sealed" Executive Session minutes as given that evening for December 20, 2011. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
9. **Approval of Warrants** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Fountain, the FSC approved the Warrant dated for December 18, 2011 for \$18,823.45. Discussion followed. Motion passed. Vote = 2-1-0.
Vote as follows:
Mrs. Swanson – yes
Ms. Pezza – yes

Mrs. Fountain – no

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Fountain, the FSC approved the Warrant dated January 15, 2012 for \$305,733.80. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

Vote = 2-1-0.

Vote as follows:

Mrs. Swanson – yes

Ms. Pezza – yes

Mrs. Fountain – no

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Fountain, the FSC approved the “Roof Collapse” Warrant dated January 15, 2012 for \$1,762.04. Discussion followed. Motion passed. Vote = 2-1-0.

Vote as follows:

Mrs. Swanson – yes

Ms. Pezza – yes

Mrs. Fountain – no

- a. Business Manager’s Report – Malcolm Moore presented the FSC the ledger report for December 2011. He is three quarters done with the quarterly report and can provide that report should the FSC request it.

10. Old Business (for discussion/action)

- a. Legal Services – Out to Bid – on a motion by Mrs. Swanson and seconded by Ms. Pezza the FSC tabled this item. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

Vote = 2-1-0.

Vote as follows:

Mrs. Swanson – yes

Ms. Pezza – yes

Mrs. Fountain – no

- b. Tuition – Out of District – on a motion by Ms. Pezza seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC voted to table this item to give Dr. Irving more time to obtain the information from R.I.D.E. Discussion followed. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

- c. Wellness Committee Policy – Mrs. Swanson reported that the committee with Mrs. Adam’s help has worked hard to compile the revised Wellness Policy. On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC approved the first reading of the Wellness Policy. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

Vote = 2-0-1.

Vote as follows:

Mrs. Swanson – yes

Ms. Pezza – yes

Mrs. Fountain – abstained, has not read it yet.

11. New Business (for discussion/action)

- a. Budget 2012-2013 – On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Fountain, the FSC approved the Budget for 2012-2013 as presented with a zero percent increase. Discussion followed. Motion passed. Vote = 2-1-0.
Vote as follows:
Mrs. Swanson – yes
Ms. Pezza – yes
Mrs. Fountain – no, pending the outcome of information from the Business Manager on what’s reflected in the health care co-share.
- b. Library Media Center – Dr. Irving informed the FSC that she would be using insurance reimbursement settlement dollars to purchase a cart with 24 iPads at a cost of \$11,756.00. This media station would be available to classroom teachers for projects, lessons, research, etc. Mrs. Fountain passed along a suggestion for a security plan for these media devices. Dr. Irving relayed that the Tech person has a plan.
- c. Full Day Kindergarten – Dr. Irving stated her recommendations for developing a full day Kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year. On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC approved the Superintendent’s recommendation to implement Full Day Kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year on the condition that there will be no increase to the approved 2012-2013 budget. Discussion followed. Motion passed. Vote = 2-1-0.
Vote as follows:
Mrs. Swanson – yes
Ms. Pezza – yes
Mrs. Fountain – no
- d. Pre-School – Dr. Irving stated that upon the approval of full day kindergarten, she thinks there is a need to consider having a pre-school at Paine. She is not recommending for the upcoming year but she will begin the research. On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC voted to table this item. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
- e. Xerox Lease Contract – on a motion by Mrs. Fountain and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC voted to table this item. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
- f. Charter School Tuition – on a motion by Mrs. Fountain and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC voted to table this item. Ms. Pezza requested more information on the state mandates and requirements as required by the public schools. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
- g. Bid Process – On a motion by Mrs. Fountain and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC voted to table this item. Motion failed. Vote = 0-3-0. Dr. Irving explained to the FSC the need to replace very old pipes in the fifth grade wing at an approximate cost of \$35,000. Mr. McGovern explained the issue is very important and needs to be addressed. Realizing that the FSC was on “Bid

Process” and not “Capital Budget Projects”, the FSC moved to table “Bid Process” on a motion by Mrs. Swanson and seconded by Mrs. Fountain. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

h. Building Committee

- a. *Cost to Repair Chimney* – Mr. McGovern reviewed with the FSC concerning leaks coming down the chimney. There has been discussion of tearing the chimney down; there have been attempts to seal it, and the possibility of building around the chimney with an estimated cost of \$2000.00.
- b. *Capital Budget Projects* – Ms. Pezza relayed that she felt the Capital Budget application was lacking information, ie. how these projects would affect the budget. Mr. McGovern stressed the need for a plan to address the old piping in the fifth grade wing. He plans to hire an engineer to come in, develop plans and get something in writing to give to the Town Council. On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Fountain, the FSC tabled “Capital Projects”. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

i. Technology

- a. *Web Site – Mouseworks* – on a motion by Mrs. Fountain and seconded by Ms. Pezza, the FSC tabled this item. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
- b. *Server* – on a motion by Mrs. Fountain and seconded by Ms. Pezza, the FSC tabled this item. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

- j. *Policy #5141.2, Prevention & Crisis Intervention / Physical Restraint for Safety Promotion* – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded Mrs. Fountain, the FSC adopted Prevention & Crisis Intervention / Physical Restraint for Safety Promotion as a first reading. Discussion followed. Motion passed. Vote = 2-0-1. Vote as follows:
Mrs. Swanson – yes
Ms. Pezza – yes
Mrs. Fountain – abstained

12. Communication/Reports

- a. *Correspondence* – Dr. Irving received a letter from Kim Maddalena resigning as Steward of the Essential Support Personnel (ESP) Union. On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC accepted the resignation of Kim Maddalena as ESP Union Steward with deep regret. Dr. Irving will send a letter on behalf of the FSC stating the acceptance and regret. Motion passed. Vote = 2-0-1. Vote as follows:
Mrs. Swanson – yes
Ms. Pezza – yes
Mrs. Fountain – abstained

- b. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Irving apologized for going out of order on the Agenda.
- c. Future Agenda Items – none

13. **Adjournment** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC adjourned at 10:05 pm. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena McCullough
Secretary Foster School Committee